

ABSTRACT

The present invention concerns developing a remedy for treating pemphigus by administering a CD40L antagonist to patients with pemphigus such as pemphigus vulgaris or pemphigus foliaceus, and a preventive agent for preventing the development of pemphigus by preventively administering a CD40L antagonist. Antagonists such as an anti-CD40L antibody that inhibit the interaction between a CD40L mediating the contact-dependent helper effector function on the T cell surface and a CD40 receptor on the antigen-presenting cell surface, were effective as a remedy and a preventive agent for pemphigus.